

# St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Roman Catholic Communities of Fort Frances and Couchiching First Nation



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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin Ezeobi, Pastor

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Tina Roth, Administrative Secretary  
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Mr. Gerald Cousineau, Custodian

## Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please  
complete a Parish Registration form  
at the entrance of the church.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm, Sunday - 11:00am

Tuesday - 6:20pm, Wednesday - 9:20am

Friday - 10:00am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 - 10:00am

## Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30pm

8:30 - 8:50am @ OLOL

or by appointment

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of  
Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

## Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance  
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd  
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

## Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses  
September thru May

## Rosary

Weekdays before mass  
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an  
emergency ask hospital staff for  
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

## Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

## Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,  
please call at any time

\*\*\*\*\***OUR MISSION**\*\*\*\*\*

Our Mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church  
where all are loved and led into an authentic, life-changing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.





## December 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9:30am** + Bob, + Lucille & + Dick Botsford  
– The Family

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:20pm** + Bob Mitchelson – Dean & Colleen Tibbs

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20am** + Mary Kolynchuk – The Family

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> @ Rainycrest**

**10:00am** + Eileen Klymko – All The Family

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then mass @**

**10:00am** + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group and + Maria da Conceicao Goncalves – John Leschinski

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm** + Joan Yim – The Artyszuk Family

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (9am @ OLOL) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday**

**9:00am** + Janice Parks – Tina Gurski

**11:00am** + Perpetua & + Rommel Blasé – The Family and + Sister Jacqueline Bartush – Danny, Anthony & Eugene Klymko & Michelene

### Second Sunday of Advent

**1st reading:** (Isaiah 11.1-10)

**2nd reading:** (Romans 15.4-9)

**Gospel:** (Matthew 3.1-12)

### Ministry Schedule

Dec. 6 – Kim/Shelley (Lectors), Sandy (EMHC)

Dec. 7 – Michael/Miranda (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 13 – Gemma/Kayden (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Dec. 14 – Jeremiah/Ingrid (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a mass on Monday at 9:30am with St. Mary School. Please join us, pray and celebrate with us.**



### Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

**“Set your mind on things that are above,” Colossians 3:2**



**The Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign is in full swing.**



**St. Mary's has collected \$7,585 of our goal of \$20,950.**

**OLOL has collected \$750 of our goal of \$4,800.**

The campaign runs until December 31, 2025.

**We need your support to reach our goal!**

**The balance that we do not collect comes out of the general funds of the parishes.**



### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Women's League

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**Time is running out - get your tickets now!**

**To Be Drawn: 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec 14, 2025**

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Available from CWL members and the parish office.



**There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All active and inactive members are asked to be there.**





**St. Mary's Church is celebrating 75 years in 2026!** We would like to get a committee together to plan activities and functions to acknowledge this milestone. If you are interested in helping out

with this, please contact the parish office by December 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to start planning the following week.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please be sure to put your intention on an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



### GIVE CARE, NOT MAID

Support a culture of life by picking up a postcard (next to the bulletins) and adding your voice to opposing MAID. In the original legislation, a person had to have a terminal diagnosis, death had to be foreseeable, they had to have two witnesses. The 2021 legislation (Bill C-7) removed procedural safeguards so a person does not have to have a terminal diagnosis, death does not need to be foreseeable, only one witness is needed and it can be a medical professional. MAID is set to further expand in March 2027 for mental illness.

#### What's going on?!

Dec. 15 - Knights of Columbus meeting with Father Kevin – 5:30pm

Dec. 16 – Mass @ 6pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during Adoration



**We are making plans for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your child does not attend St. Mary**

**School but would like to receive one of these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.**



**What Is the Immaculate Conception? - Join Drs. Tim**

Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church. **Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message** - Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people. **Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints** - Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. <http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

### **Please pray for.....**

**ST. MARY'S** - Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Dave Egan, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Lorraine Smith, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Yves Aucoin, Ronald Haukaas, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Leanne Crompton, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Shirley Buttner, Susan Hunking, Amy LaFroy, Lawrence Desserre, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan, Bernice Kempf, David Lovisa Sr.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES** - Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Laverne (Gabby) Caul, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers, Candace Tucker

*Offertory Collection for Weekend of*  
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